

Amendments to the Claims

1. **(Currently amended)** A friction material for a synchronizer ring, comprising 30 mass% to 80 mass% of (A) a petroleum coke with an ash content of 0.1 mass% to 8 mass% or (B) a pitch coke with an ash content of 0.1 mass% to 8 mass%, based on the whole friction materials for a synchronizer ring.

2. **(Original)** The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to claim 1, wherein the petroleum coke is (C) a calcined petroleum coke with an ash content of 0.1 mass% to 1 mass%.

3. **(Original)** The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to claim 1, wherein the pitch coke is (D) a foundry coke with an ash content of 5 mass% to 8 mass%.

4. **(Currently amended)** The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein not less than 50 mass% of the particles of the petroleum coke or the pitch coke has a particle diameter of 0.1 to 0.5 mm.

5. **(Cancelled)**

6. **(Currently amended)** The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, comprising 50 mass% to 75 mass% of the petroleum coke or the pitch coke ~~in the friction material.~~ , based on the whole friction materials for a synchronizer ring.

7. **(Currently amended)** The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, further comprising 10 mass% to 30 mass% of a thermosetting resin, 5 mass% to 40 mass% of inorganic fibers and/or inorganic particles.

8. (Currently amended) The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, further comprising not more than 5 mass% of graphite.

9. (Currently amended) The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, further comprising not more than 10 mass% of metal fibers and/or not more than 10 mass% of metal particles.

10. (Currently amended) The friction material for a synchronizer ring according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, wherein the thermosetting resin is a novolac type phenolic resin.

11. (Original) A friction material for a synchronizer ring, comprising 30 mass% to 80 mass% of (C) a calcined petroleum coke with an ash content of 0.1 mass% to 1 mass% or (D) a foundry coke with an ash content of 5 mass% to 8 mass%, based on the whole materials; 10 mass% to 30 mass% of a thermosetting resin; 5 mass% to 40 mass% of inorganic fibers and/or inorganic particles; and not more than 5 mass% of graphite, wherein not less than 50 mass% of the particles of the calcined petroleum coke or the foundry coke has a particle diameter of 0.1 to 0.5 mm.

12. (Original) A wet friction material, comprising 30 mass% to 80 mass% of (C) a calcined petroleum coke with an ash content of 0.1 mass% to 1 mass% or (D) a foundry coke with an ash content of 5 mass% to 8 mass%, based on the whole materials; 10 mass% to 30 mass% of a thermosetting resin; 5 mass% to 40 mass% of inorganic fibers and/or inorganic particles; and not more than 5 mass% of graphite, wherein not less than 50 mass% of the particles of the calcined petroleum coke or the foundry coke has a particle diameter of 0.1 to 0.5 mm.